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# City of Tucson

## Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Each year the United States honors the contributions that Latinos have made to our great country with Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs until October 15.

Despite all the negativity in our country today during this election cycle, the Latino community has a rich heritage of educational innovation and achievement. Two universities were established in Lima and Mexico in 1541, and a total of seven universities in the new world before Harvard opened its doors. Latinos made tremendous contributions in art, music, science and literature during the renaissance period.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month gives us an opportunity to reflect on what makes Latinos such a strong, contributing force in America.

We reflect on the history of our people who were part of this land long before the birth of the United States. Latinos were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, and Latinos as a people, like their many cultures, share a rich history and great diversity.

Through the years, Latin Americans have played an integral role in our Nation's success in science, the arts, business, military service; government and every other field of endeavor and their talent, creativity, and achievement continue to energize our national life.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community.

The United States is a country made of and made for, immigrants. Latinos have been in this area for thousands of years. And to say our culture has little impact on our community would be a major understatement. Our culture has taken the country by storm. You can see Latino influence on culture from here to New York but we think very little of it.

With over 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent billions in buying power. Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate.

In Arizona, Raul Castro served as our first Latino Governor in the 1970's. In 1991, Ed Pastor was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona in the U.S. Congress. Today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego.

In Tucson and Pima County, Latinos have sent a strong message by turning out to vote and leading the state in the number of Latinos that have been elected to governing bodies such as the state legislature, Pima County government, the Tucson City Council, Pima Community College governing board and local school districts.

In a recent article in "Inside Tucson Business," entitled "Hispanics a Key to Tucson's Rebound," it discussed the importance of buying power of the Latino Community in Tucson, Pima County and throughout Arizona. It noted, "the Latino impact on the local and national economy and that the purchasing power represents \$8 billion per year in Pima County, a number that is



expected to increase by 88% in the next decade." By 2024, Latinos are estimated to spend \$14 billion in the Tucson economy, equating to 28 percent of the total market spending.

Take our food for example. Tucson city became the first city in the United States to be recognized as a UNESCO World City of Gastronomy.

As we reflected on the Latino contributions in this great country, let us not lose sight of where we, as Americans, Arizonans, Tucsonans need to go. We must continue to work together to solve the challenges of today, such as DACA to name one, so our community and our children have a better tomorrow.

Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Fimbres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

### **MPA Honors Seven Ward 5 Projects with Common Ground Awards**

On Friday, December 1, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) will hold its 13th Annual Common Ground Awards ceremony, recognizing exemplary projects that adhere to MPA's mission to create a prosperous community by promoting collaborative real estate development policies, building partnerships and finding common ground.

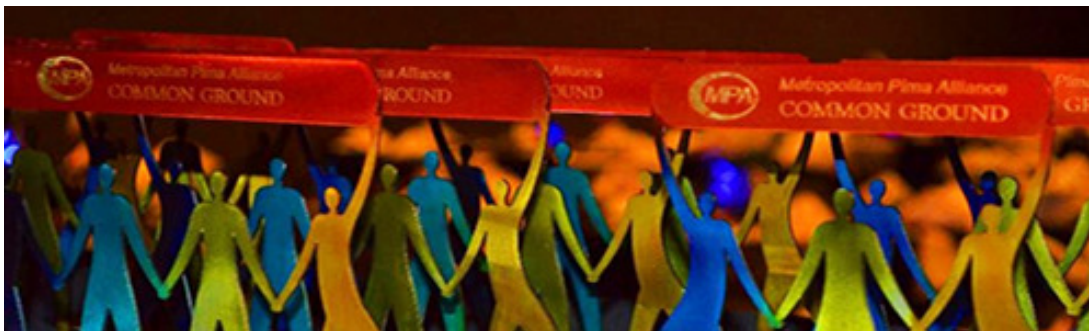


The seven projects in Ward 5 that were recognized this year by MPA, included: Atlas COPCO, Sister Jose's Women's Center, the Greyhound Terminal Location, the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges, the Tucson Homeless Work Program, the Tucson Change Movement and the Tucson Homeless Coalition. The Tucson Homeless Work Program, the Tucson Change Movement and the Tucson Homeless Coalition will receive a special honor at the Common Ground Awards.

These projects in Ward 5 were recognized by MPA for the work that has been accomplished in Ward 5 and in our community. I want to congratulate the honorees on their work and success. I am so pleased that the work and support of the South Park, Las Vistas, Pueblo Gardens and Western Hills II neighborhoods and the developers of the Bridges again were recognized for their collaboration. The Bridges is a special project bringing neighborhoods and business together for the common good of Ward 5, bringing jobs and opportunity and continuing the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the Southside.

MPA, Barker Contracting and additional partner, National Bank, will give special recognition to the Tucson Arts Brigade, the Tucson Homeless Coalition, the Tucson Change Movement and the Tucson Homeless Work Program at the Awards Ceremony.

The Tucson Homeless Coalition, the Tucson Change Movement and the Tucson Homeless Work Program were three efforts my office developed and created. I am pleased that the Homeless Work Program, a collaboration with many non-profits and support of businesses has succeeded in its first year and is being recognized for its ground breaking approach.



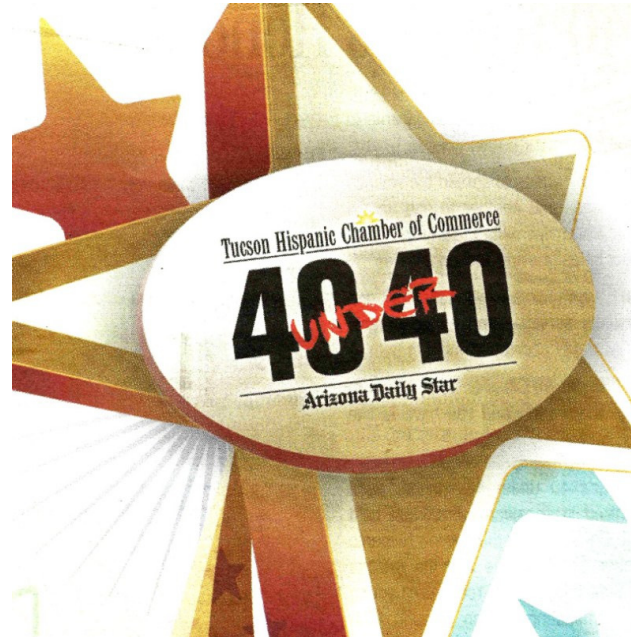
**Ward 5 Recognized With 40 Under 40**

Tucson's young up-and-coming business professionals will be honored at the 2017 40 Under 40 awards ceremony.

The honorees are recognized for their work and its impact on the community.

Among the honorees are: Rene Pacheco with COPE Community Services and Matthew Pate, Aide to Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres.

"I am pleased that Rene and Matt were recognized for their work and efforts for our community," Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres said. "Matt and Rene have done significant work which has had a great impact for Tucson."



Rene Pacheco is the Communications, Creative and Purchasing Manager for COPE Community Services, Inc. Rene started his employment at COPE in 2004, during his senior year of High School at Tucson High Magnet School. Rene is active in the community and has served on several committees and task forces such as the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference (YLC), Meth-Free Alliance, 520's Top Dance Crew, and Battle of Badges. Rene and his colleagues at COPE developed COPE Cares, a volunteer initiative for COPE staff to give back to the community.

Matt Pate is a Council Aide for Tucson Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres, and is an asset to the City of Tucson. His experience and knowledge have assisted the Ward 5 office to improve different projects that help to improve the quality of life for so many in our community.

The 13th Annual 40 Under 40 Awards Ceremony will take place Tuesday, December 5 at the JW Starr Pass Resort. For more information, go online to: <http://www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org/40-under-40-awards.html>.

**Free Spay/Neuter Clinic October 14-15**

The third annual Free Spay/Neuter-a-thon will take place, Saturday October 14 and Sunday, October 15, at Mission Manor Elementary, 6015 S. Santa Clara.

There is a difference for this year's event, on Saturday, October 14, it will be just for dogs and on Sunday, October 15, it will be for cats. From 8:00 to 9:00 am each morning, there will be a check in of the animals and it is first come first serve.

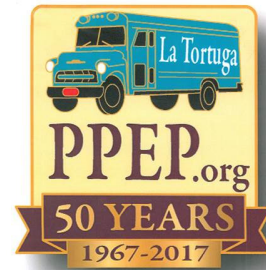
I want to thank Pat Hubbard for her work again to ensure Ward 5 and South side residents have this opportunity to help their pets. For more information, please call 319-9292.



**Project PPEP Assisting Mexico**

Project PPEP is conducting a disaster relief campaign to assist citizens in Mexico affected by the hurricanes and recent earthquake.

Project PPEP is collecting especially canned foods and personal items that can be left at 1840 East Benson Highway Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call 294-6997.

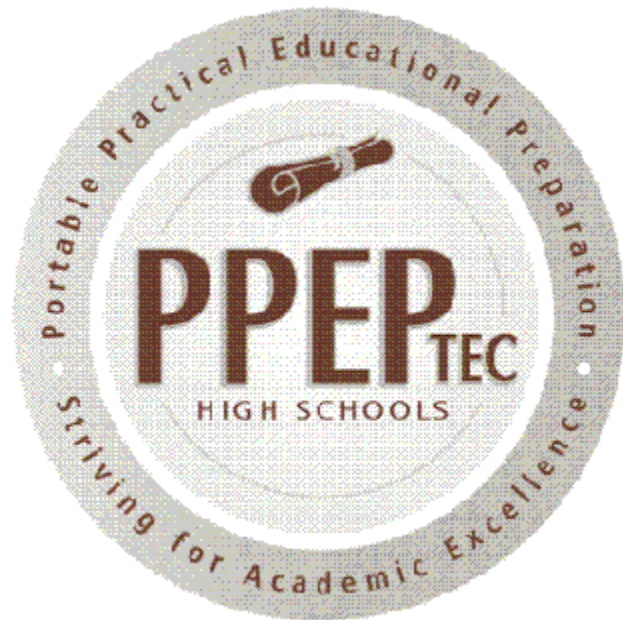
**Project PPEP High School**

Project PPEP's PPEP Tec High School provides night classes to earn official high school diploma free of charge. This free of charge offering assists many young people that have dropped out of school and need a second chance to learn.

Furthermore it gives opportunity for single parent moms to come to school at night that can't afford daycare. Also accommodates those working to pursue their high school diploma and still work.

Free meals are also provided and some Transportation on case-by-case basis the school offers full Behavioral Health counseling for those students that need it. Our students are co-enrolled in Pima Community College for selected courses.

The campus is located at 1840 East Benson Highway the phone number is 294-6997. Please call today for a visit to the campus and let people that you may know whose siblings are not in school that there is hope. Ages 14 -21 grades 9 through 12. Day time classes also available.

**Quincie Douglas Center Spooktacular**

On Saturday October 14, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., the staff at the Quincie Douglas Center will be holding Spooktacular.

There will be carnival games, information booths from agencies in and around our community, food trucks, hay rides, photo ops, a haunted house and much more! For more information, call 791-2507.

**Richard Ortiz Barker Dedication**

I, along with the El Pueblo Operations Committee, and Tucson Parks and Recreation hosted a dedication Saturday, September 23, to recognize the community contributions of Richard Barker with the naming of Richard Ortiz Barker Regional Complex at 1010 W. Irvington Road.

This complex hosts the El Pueblo Activity Center, Senior Center, Neighborhood Center, and Pool facilities, as well as other services. During his 39-year tenure with the parks department, Barker worked to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood and community on Tucson's southwest side. His accomplishments include working with neighborhood residents, community agencies, City departments, and local officials to expand the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center from its original five buildings to the larger complex it is today.



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AMERICAN CITIZENS

**FBI/LULAC Community Service Awards**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual FBI/LULAC Community Service Awards will take place Friday, October 6, 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m., at the Viscount Suite Hotels. The Community Service Awards recognize many unsung heroes who work hard to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens. For more information, please call 903-2838.

**Army Recruiting Center Opens In Ward 5**

On Friday, September 8, as a former Army Veteran, I was honored to be at the dedication of the new Army Recruiting Center in Ward 5, located at 2031 E. Irvington. Congratulations to Captain Michael Anderson and his top cadre of NCO's, who are recruiters.

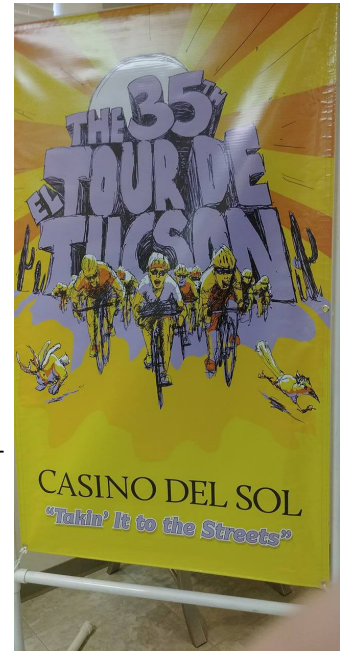


**El Tour de Tucson Kickoff**

The 35th Annual El Tour de Tucson had their kick off announcement September 13 at the Mexican Consulate. The theme this year is "Takin it to the streets." I was invited to represent the City of Tucson at the press conference. Below are my remarks (in CAPS) from the event.

THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR ONE OF TUCSON'S TRADITION'S, EL TOUR DE TUCSON. EL TOUR DE TUCSON IS TAKIN IT TO THE STREETS FOR ITS 35TH ANNUAL EVENT. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE RICHARD DEBERNARDIS AND THE ENTIRE STAFF OF PERIMETER BICYCLING WHO WORK TO PUT THE TOUR ON EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE 2017 EL TOUR DE TUCSON DEDICATION RECIPIENTS LEILA AND TOTEN WARFIELD, THE FIRST EL TOUR AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR 33 YEARS OF UNPRECEDENTED AND LOYAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE. EL TOUR DE TUCSON WILL AGAIN BRING FUN AND EXCITEMENT TO THE STREETS OF TUCSON, WITH A GREAT FIESTA AND GREAT MESSAGE: BICYCLING IMPROVES YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS.



EL TOUR'S EFFORT REACHES OUT TO WARD 5 AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF TUCSON WITH THE CYCLING PROGRAMS THEY HAVE HELPED TO SET UP AT LOCAL SCHOOLS.

BETWEEN 7,000 AND 9,000 CYCLISTS, AS WELL AS ANOTHER 2,500 INDOOR CYCLISTS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE 35TH ANNUAL EL TOUR DE TUCSON.



I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE PERIMETER CYCLING AND EL TOUR DE TUCSON FOR THEIR OUT-REACH TO OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS ACROSS THE BORDER IN THE MEXICAN CYCLING COMMUNITY, SOME OF WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S EL TOUR.

MORE THAN 18,000 VISITORS WILL COME TO TUCSON FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL EL TOUR DE TUCSON, CONTRIBUTING AN ESTIMATED \$18 TO \$30 MILLION DOLLARS TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

IN ADDITION TO THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT, EL TOUR DE TUCSON RAISES MONEY FOR THE EASTER SEALS BLAKE FOUNDATION AND 50 OTHER LOCAL NON-PROFITS, WHO WORK TO BETTER THE LIVES OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED, FOR WHICH THIS YEAR, EL TOUR IS RAISING \$10-\$15 MILLION DOLLARS.

I WANT TO THANK THE SPONSORS FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL EL TOUR DE TUCSON FOR WHO HAVE MADE THE INVESTMENT IN EL TOUR AND OUR COMMUNITY.

**Bike In A Box Fundraiser**

Your help and support is needed to sponsor Christmas bicycles to under-privileged children this year. Bike In A Box first fundraising efforts is as follows. In this newsletter, is the golf registration form and brochure information for the 2nd Annual Bike In A Box Golf Tournament that will be held at the Omni Tucson National golf course on Saturday, October 28th, 2017.

Please outreach and contact people that you know that can support this event as a golfer or as a hole tee box sponsor because with your help we will again be able to fund the Bike In A Box annual program. We ask that you also direct people to our website at [www.LugoCharities.com](http://www.LugoCharities.com) as all the information is listed as you can also download the golf registration form under the "Golf Tournament" tab. I appreciate your assistance to help us promote this golf tournament event to help us raise the necessary funds to purchase the 500 bicycles for this years Bike In A Box program. After this years event, Lugo Charities and Bike In A Box will have distributed over 10,500 bicycles to underprivileged children in 19 years. For more information, call Jesse Lugo 440-3305.

**Vamos a Tucson Baseball Fiesta, October 5-8**

The seventh annual Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta presented by Vantage West, Cox, and Visit Tucson will be played on October 5 – 8 at Kino Stadium, located in Ward 5. This year's event will include the Naranjeros de Hermosillo, Yaquis de Obregon, Aguilas de Mexicali, and the Cañeros de Los Mochis of the Mexican Pacific League (Liga Mexicana Del Pacifico), as well as top prospects from one MLB organization to be determined. Hermosillo and Obregon have participated in all seven years. The Mexican Baseball Fiesta will take place in Phoenix (Mesa) and Las Vegas. We are still working on games in Nogales and Douglas, Arizona as well as a few other regional cities.

"We believe it was essential that we continue this fun-filled cross-border and cultural event in Tucson" said Mike Feder, President of the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. "This tournament includes some of the most popular teams in Mexico. The Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta will continue to be a tradition in Tucson for many years to come. We're excited that the Mexican Baseball Fiesta continues to grow every year." Feder joined MBF founder Francisco Gamez and Jack Donovan in forming the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, LLC in 2011.

"The Mexican Pacific League, is as popular in Mexico as Major League Baseball is in the U.S., if not more so," said Francisco Gamez, Mexican Baseball Fiesta, founder and LLC partner. Gamez played over 10 years in the Mexican Pacific League as well as in the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the states. Constant excitement is the best way to describe the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. The energy of the fans, the music and fun make this a unique experience for all baseball fans. This event embraces our Mexican friends and visitors."

"We're excited to partner with this great event for the seventh year to bring Mexican baseball back to Tucson," said Felipe Garcia, Executive Vice President of Visit Tucson. "The popularity of this event continues to grow and we are proud to be a part of something that both locals and visitors look forward to every September & October. Over 1,800 hotel room nights were booked last year. We are expecting more this year." Hermosillo and Mexicali will continue training in Tucson a couple of weeks prior to the Fiesta."





## ***Bike In A Box 2nd Annual Golf Tournament***

***Providing Bicycles to  
Under-Privileged  
Children***



*Saturday, October 28, 2017  
Omni Tucson National  
2727 West Club Drive  
Tucson, AZ 85742*

*Format: 4 Person Scramble  
7:30 am ♦ Registration  
8:30 am ♦ Shotgun Start*

*50/50  
Prizes  
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***Tucson, AZ 85726***

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***Website: [www.LugoCharities.com](http://www.LugoCharities.com)***



## **FREE DOG & CAT SPAY NEUTER-A-THON**

**6015 S Santa Clara, Tucson, AZ  
(former Mission Manor Elementary School)**

**Check in from 8:00 am – 9:00 am**

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – DOGS ONLY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – CATS ONLY**

**PLEASE bring DOGS and CATS on a leash or in a carrier!**

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**For Questions Call 520-319-9292**



**Councilmember Richard Fimbres (Ward 5)**



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**Quincie Douglas Center presents:**

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**October 14, 2017 from 4:00-8:00 pm**

There will be carnival games, informational booths from agencies all around our community, food trucks, hay rides, pumpkin giveaways, photo ops, a haunted house and much more!

**1575 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Tucson, AZ 85713**

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## Frequently Used Phone Numbers

### **Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

### **Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

### **Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

### **Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

### **City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

### **TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

### **Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

### **Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

### **Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

### **Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

### **Park Tucson**

791-5071

### **Pima Animal Care**

243-5900

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